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IN PARA 8 OF REFTTEL, EMBASSY INTERLOCUTOR, ERIC DARIN, MENTIONED
HE WAS GOING OUT OF TOWN FOR CHAIR A MEETING OF THE "SALT GROUP".

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THE GENESIS OF THIS GROUP AS WE UNDERSTAND IT IS THAT DURING

SALT I, WHEN US BEGAN PRACTICE OF BRIEFING ALLIES ON SALT MATTERS AT NAC SESSIONS, SOME OF OUR ALLIES THOUGHT IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO DISCUSS AMONG THEMSELVES HOW THE SALT NEGOTIATIONS IMPACTED ON THEIR INTERESTS AS EUROPEANS. TALKS WERE HELD INFORMALLY ON MARGINS OF REGULAR US-SALT BRIEFINGS OF THE NAC. GROUP CAME TO BE KNOWN AS THE "PETRIGNANI GROUP" DUE TO THE CENTRAL ROLE PLAYED BY RINALDO PETRIGNANI WHO AT THE TIME WAS CHIEF OF THE ITALIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY'S DISARMAMENT OFFICE. DARIN, WHO IS NOW THE MFA COORDINATOR FOR NATO AND DISARMAMENT AFFAIRS, HAS EVIDENTLY INHERITED THIS ROLE. BEAUDRY

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